

# Greenbelt News Review

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## Spectacular Fire in Center Leaves Twenty-six Families Homeless

by Elaine Skolnik

A major fire in the Greenbelt Plaza Apartments - the second in the complex in three and a half months - left 26 families homeless at 11-A, B, C and D Parkway early Sunday morning, January 31. The first alarm was communicated to Greenbelt from the county at 2:32 a.m. Greenbelt firefighters reached the scene two minutes later and at 2:36 a.m. the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department dispatched a second alarm. According to Captain James Mundy of the county fire department, there was apparently a delay in reporting the fire because someone tried first to extinguish the flames.

About 50 firemen - 19 from Greenbelt - brought the blaze under control at approximately 3:45 a.m. There were no serious injuries. One person was hospitalized briefly for smoke inhalation and bruises.

Responding also were personnel from the county's Office of Emergency Preparedness and the American Red Cross. An emergency shelter and processing center for displaced tenants was set up in the city council chamber in the Municipal Building. Utilities in the three-story apartment building have been cut off and condemnation notices posted. According to the owner, the building will be restored.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation. Mundy said a preliminary study indicates that the fire started in the electrical wiring in the furnace room of 11-C Parkway. (A defective gas furnace was the culprit in the October fire which affected 12 families. Fire has also been no stranger to 9 Parkway apartment units where two blazes have occurred—one of major dimensions about 12 years ago.)

When Greenbelt firefighters arrived on the scene, fire was shooting 30 to 40 feet through the roof into the sky. The company's first

See FIRE, page 4, col. 1

## Post-Fire Scene Sunday Afternoon

by Bill Rowland

The post-fire scene last Sunday noon, January 31, outside the red-brick apartment building at 11 Parkway in the core of Greenbelt, was controlled chaos involving a lot of very tired people. The building itself was desolate, with three-quarters of its roof burned away, and severe damage visible in the upper floors. Charred debris lay on the ground and on parked cars.

Residents worked hurriedly in the intermittent drizzle, with the remains of melting snow underfoot, to load belongings into cars and vans and pickup trucks. Blue-uniformed members of the PG County Emergency Preparedness team closely supervised salvage efforts inside the apartments to assure that no one would be hurt by falling wreckage. Red Cross disaster-relief workers were beginning to wind down their hours-long effort to aid the victims. A representative of a church group showed up to tell the Red Cross people his organization wanted to help. Other Greenbelt individuals and groups had preceded him, and still others would follow.

Victims who could stop for a few minutes told what they knew of the fire: The pounding on their doors in the middle of the night by the neighbor across the hall who shouted, "My furnace is on fire—get out!"; the resident awakened by the combined shrieks of his own smoke alarm and the one in an adjacent apartment - and another resident whose smoke alarm did not work; the man who said his furnace had been malfunctioning for two years, but that his repeated complaints had never resulted in satisfactory repair; and another man, his apartment burned out, who declared admiringly, "The Greenbelt police and fire departments did one hell of a job!"

The feeling of a spectator in the aftermath of this latest major fire was one of sad familiarity—even inevitability. This was the third of the four buildings in the Greenbelt Plaza Apartments complex to go up in flames. The second was just last fall, the first in 1969. For each fire, residents initially blamed a gas furnace. And with each fire, the flames raced through an attic crawl space and spread damage to apartments far beyond the point of origin. The existence of firewalls in those attics might have helped to limit both the damage and the human misery. But these are buildings put up before the present county code on firewalls was adopted, and there is nothing in the newer code to force owners to add such preventive barriers in their older buildings.

Over at Greenbelt's Municipal See SCENE, page 4, col. 3

## Stories of Fear and Anger Dominate Council Meeting

by Mary Lou Williamson

Frustrated, angry and afraid, more than 30 residents of the burned-out building at 11 Parkway, Greenbelt Plaza Apartments, came to ask their city council for help. Help in the basic problems they face in putting their lives back together. Help in finding and dealing with social service agencies that can aid them in relocating. Help in returning to Greenbelt when their damaged units are repaired. And help in dealing with management problems within the apartment complex.

They have now formed a tenants' association - after the fire. The group's leader read to council a list of eight demands which they will present to the owners of the complex, Dr. Samuel Feldman and others. These demands - including return of security and key deposits plus interest, and reimbursement for moving expenses and physical losses of household furnishings and clothing - are based, they say, on a charge of alleged negligence by the landlord leading to the fire of January 31.

The demands and statements have been approved by members of the new tenants' association. Occasional harsh phrases and flashes of anger gave hint of what was to come. For the real story - of what the tenants claim to be grossly inadequate maintenance and intimidation of those who complain - unfolded slowly over the next 2 hours before an appalled council.

One by one tenants told of their experiences. Requests for needed maintenance were ignored or inadequately performed, they claimed. Those who went to county agencies for help said their efforts were later met with hostility and intimidation by management. One tenant said he "quit fighting" after receiving a telephone threat of eviction from the owner.

The list of specific complaints centered on what the tenants saw as the poor maintenance of the gas See TENANTS, page 5, col. 1

## Landlord, Manager React to Disaster

by Bill Rowland and  
Elaine Skolnik

Dr. Samuel Feldman, one of six owners as well as property manager for the Greenbelt Plaza Apartments complex, told the News Review on Tuesday, February 2, in a phone conversation, that the building at 11 Parkway would be restored as "fast as we possibly can. . . . Adjustors are working on it, debris is being removed and damage assessed." Feldman noted that units involved in last October's fire at 53-A and B Crescent Road have been restored, and will be ready for occupancy after approvals of work done are received from the appropriate county agencies.

Feldman said the tenants displaced by the fire will receive their security and key deposits plus interest. He expressed his sorrow for what had happened to these people as a result of the fire.

Feldman declared his belief that the owners' firm has done an excellent job of maintenance on the property. Said Feldman, "Every furnace was cleaned in September and found to be in good shape." With regard to the resident maintenance man at the complex, Feldman said he is licensed to do whatever he is supposed to do—that he is licensed to clean furnaces and do other things. Feldman said maintenance is up to par, and that they have done their very best. As to tenant complaints about maintenance, Feldman said he had nothing in writing from any tenants on that subject.

Robin Croteau, resident man- See LANDLORD, page 5, col. 4

### WHAT GOES ON

Mon., Feb. 8, 7:30 p.m. City

Council & County Councilmen Roy Dabney and Frank Casula host public meeting on Greenbelt Plaza Apartment Fire

Tues., Feb. 9, 7:30 p.m. Mary Bethune PTSA meeting



Flames that lit up the sky above the apartment at 11 Parkway could be seen from miles around. About 50 firemen worked over an hour to bring the fire under control early Sunday morning, January 31.

— photo by News Review staff photographer J. Henson



### CITY OF GREENBELT MARYLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council of Greenbelt will host a public meeting in conjunction with County Councilmen Roy Dabney and Frank Casula to hear from persons who have concerns relating to the recent fire disaster on Parkway Road, the condition of apartment buildings and the inspections of apartment buildings by county regulatory agencies. The meeting will be held on:

Monday, February 8, 1982  
7:30 P.M.

City Council Meeting Room  
Greenbelt Municipal Building  
25 Crescent Road

Councilman Dabney has arranged for representatives of the Fire Inspection Division, Department of Licenses and Permits, Landlord-Tenant Commission and the Office of Emergency Preparedness to be present as well as representatives from the Washington Gas Light Company and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

All interested persons are welcome to attend and be heard. For information call 474-3870, Gudrun Mills, City Clerk.



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## A Litany of Tragedies

In this winter of tragedies that have so shocked the Washington area and, indeed, the nation, Greenbelt also has not been spared. Although no city residents were aboard the ill-fated Florida plane that crashed into the Potomac on January 13, a student at Eleanor Roosevelt High School lost his mother in that disaster. Susan Fusco was on her way to a teacher-training institute in Tampa.

On January 29 John Steven Morris, a resident of Lakeside North apartments, was stabbed in an altercation in a parking lot outside a Laurel night club. As he ran in pursuit of the assailant, Morris was struck in turn by two southbound cars. Both drivers sped away from the scene. Morris died of his injuries a few hours later at Prince Georges General Hospital.

A potential tragedy seems to have been averted when two vials of radioactive material disappeared for two days from the campus of the University of Maryland. One vial was subsequently recovered undamaged from a Springhill Lake apartment, and the second was found intact in a campus parking lot.

On the last day of the month (see stories on page one). 26 Greenbelt families were left homeless when fire destroyed the roof and upper stories of a building in the Greenbelt Plaza Apartments complex. This incident touched this paper closely; for not only is the building adjacent to our office, but among those displaced were two *News Review* staff members, Hally Ahearn and Corinne Comulada. Elsewhere in this issue is a list of organizations which are attempting to alleviate the inevitable suffering which accompanies loss of one's home. Greenbelters are urged to give generous support to these organizations' efforts.

### Orchestra Seeks Players

The Greenbelt Chamber Orchestra, an informal group of musicians that meets to play classical music for its own pleasure, is looking for string and wind players. Rehearsals will be held every other Sunday afternoon from 2:30 to 5 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the Greenbelt Youth Center, beginning on February 7. For more information call John or Trix at 345-4487 (evenings).

### Adult Education Classes At Parkdale High School

Registration for classes in typewriting, shorthand, accounting, woodwork and many other subjects will be held at Parkdale Senior High on Monday, February 8, from 7-9 p.m. These Adult Continuing Education Classes will be held at Parkdale Senior High beginning Tuesday, February 16.

All Adult Continuing Education courses are offered free to county residents who are 60 years of age or older. Textbooks and materials' fees must be paid by all students, however, regardless of age.

### PHILHARMONIC CONCERT

The Prince Georges Philharmonic will present a concert Saturday, February 6, at 8 p.m. at Northwestern High School, Adelphi Rd., Hyattsville. Ray Fowler will conduct; Greenbelter Jan Turkiewicz is concert master. Featured will be music by Vivaldi, Stravinsky and Mendelssohn. For information call 779-7360.

### At Greenbelt Library

Tuesday, Feb. 9: The Sound of Musicals: Family Films. 7-9:30 p.m. West Side Story.

Tuesday, Feb. 9: Outreach Drop-In Storytime. Ages 3-5. 10 a.m. Springhill Lake Community House.

Thursday, Feb. 11: Valentine Making. Ages 5-10. 3:45-4:30 p.m.

Exhibits at the Greenbelt Library during the month of February: Depression Glass — Del-Mar-Va Depression Glass Club, Arlene Milford, Temple Hills; Paintings — Claire Simanski, New Carrollton; Books made by nursery school students; and Display Celebrating James Joyce's 100th Birthday — Judy Walsh, Hyattsville.

### HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

Greenbelt CARES Youth Services Bureau is offering aid in getting a high school diploma. Starting on February 2, CARES will provide free classes to prepare for the General Education Development (G.E.D.) Exam. Instruction will be given in the five test areas — Math, Social Studies, Science, Literature and Grammar as well as in test taking skills. The only requirements for enrollment are to be officially withdrawn from school and 16 years old or older. Classes will be given Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Greenbelt CARES offices.

For information and class reservations call Johnnie Franklin at Greenbelt CARES at 345-6660.

## Bethune PTSA

The next meeting of the Mary Bethune PTSA will be held next Tuesday, February 9, at 7:30 p.m. That night will be career night and a number of small sessions on various careers will be held. Among the presenters will be two Greenbelters — Alexander Barnes will discuss the computer field and Barry Moien will discuss photographic careers. All parents and students are urged to attend.

## P.G. Symphony Presents

### Pops Concert at Roosevelt

The Prince Georges Symphony will present a "pops" concert on Saturday, February 6 at 8 p.m. at the Eleanor Roosevelt High School auditorium.

Frederick Morden will conduct the orchestra in medleys from Rogers and Hammerstein and other selections. Sharon Benner, soloist, will perform music from "Fame."

A pre-concert social hour is also open to the public. For information and tickets call Stella Ishee at 345-8763.

The Prince Georges Symphonic Association, which supports the symphony as a non-profit and tax deductible organization, received grants from the Maryland State Arts Council, the Maryland National-Capital Park and Planning Commission, Arts Division, and the Prince Georges County government but depends mostly on contributions from businesses, individuals and ticket sales.

### Classes Offered

#### At Springhill Lake

Prince Georges Community College, Community Services Division, will be holding a variety of classes at Springhill Lake in the months to come.

A basic sewing class featuring the Bishop Sewing method including dressmaking, pants, blazers and tailoring will begin Tuesday, March 2, 10 a.m. to 12 noon and will continue for 6 sessions.

The Bishop method of techniques of tailored shirtmaking (or shirt dresses) will be given on Tuesdays, beginning March 2 from 7 to 9 p.m.

There will be a course on casino games, an introduction to the games as played in Atlantic City casinos. Time will be allotted to play most of the games for experience. The class is four sessions long and begins Wednesday, February 17, 7:30 to 10 p.m.

A class in planning and managing the tour will be taught by a travel professional for 8 sessions starting Thursday, March 4 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. This will include how to design and promote a tour, what a planner should know about reservations, fares, regulations and payments—8 sessions, beginning Thursday, March 4 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The above classes will be held in the Community Room in the SHL shopping center, above the pharmacy. There is a fee.

A course for Senior Citizens on Creative Writing begins Monday, February 1 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the SHL Community House. This course is free for Senior Citizens, residents of Prince Georges County only. It will be taught by a local author and journalist and will focus on learning how to share the experiences of life through written or oral autobiographical stories.

For information on any of these courses, call 322-0648, the Community Information number at the college.

## FREE STATE TAX HELP

Maryland State Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein has announced that all offices of the Maryland Income Tax Division will offer extra hours of free taxpayer assistance on two upcoming weekends and State holidays.

All 12 state income tax offices will be open on Saturday, Feb. 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Friday, Feb. 12, Lincoln's Birthday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (while most other State offices will be closed for the holiday.); Saturday, Feb. 13, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Monday, Feb. 15, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. (while most other State offices will be closed in observance of Washington's Birthday.)

The State tax experts at all locations of the Maryland Income Tax Division will explain the changes, provide the necessary forms, and even complete Maryland tax returns free of charge. Taxpayers must bring a completed copy of their Federal tax return and all W-2 statements to take advantage of this service.

### Paint Branch Unitarian Church

3215 Powder Mill Rd.  
(near Cherry Hill Road)

Forum: 9:30 a.m. "Religion and Politics" by Albert J. Menendez

Service: 11:00 a.m. "Male Rage and the Search for Wholeness" by Richard W. Kelley

937-3666

## Utopia Theater Bake Sale

Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center is holding a fundraising bake sale Saturday, February 6 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. in front of the Utopia Theater on the mall. Donations of cakes, pies, cookies, cupcakes, breads, rolls, etc. are heartily welcome. Donors will receive a free ticket to any event at the Utopia Theater.

### Mowatt Memorial

United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410

Church School 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

(Ages Nursery - Adult)

Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.

Rev. Ira C. Keperling, Pastor

474-1924

## Bahá'í Faith

Greenbelt Community

P.O. Box 245

Greenbelt, Md. 20770

474-4090/345-2918

### ST JOHN'S CHURCH Episcopal

Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

First and third Sundays

10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Second and fourth Sundays

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Rev. John G. Bals, Rector

422-8057

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9:45 a.m.

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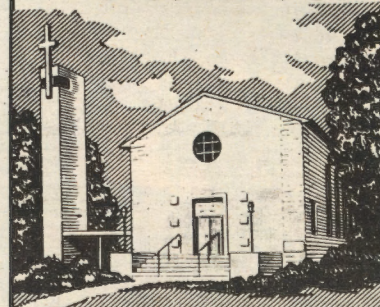
11 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Midweek Prayer Service (Wed.)

8:00 p.m.

For bus transportation, call church office 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

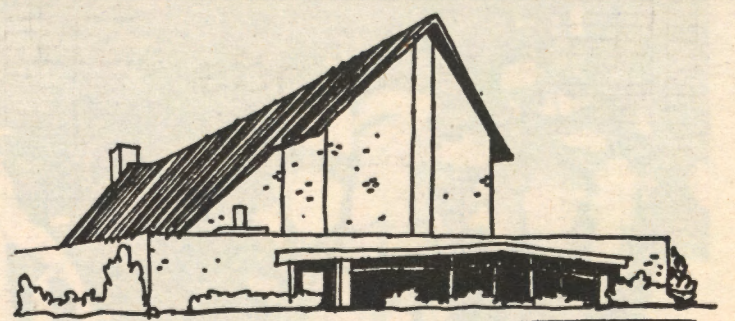
## Greenbelt Community Church



(United Church of Christ)  
Hillside and Crescent Roads  
Phone 474-6171 mornings

11 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship and Church School

Nursery provided at  
2B Hillside  
Rev. Sherry Taylor and  
Rev. Harry Taylor co-pastors



## Holy Cross Lutheran Church

6905 Greenbelt Road

Worship Services: 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:50 a.m.

Sunday morning nursery at both services

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone 345-5111



## Castaldi to Appear On TV Sunday Night

Greenbelt's mayor Richard Castaldi will appear on the television show "Newsprobe" on Channel 20 on Sunday, Feb. 7, at 9 p.m. In this previously taped half-hour program, Timothy Williams presents the arguments of the citizen's group "CABL," which opposes the granting of the cable television franchise for Northern Prince George's County to Storer Communications. Castaldi represents the viewpoint of a city that has recently chosen to award its cable franchise to Storer.

## 26-Mile Marathon

On Sunday, February 14 the 21st running of the Washington's Birthday Marathon will be run next to the Greenbelt area. There are ten active Greenbelt marathoners. All Greenbelt finishers will receive an award from the Greenbelt Running Club if they do not win one of the many other awards in this 26-mile, 385-yard race.

The start and finish of the marathon is at DuVal Senior High School on Greenbelt Road in Lanham. The main part of the course is on the Beltsville Agriculture Research Center.

There will be no entries accepted on race day. Entries may be obtained at the Greenbelt and Springhill Lake Recreation centers or by calling Larry Noel, 474-9362. The meet record is 2:22:14 by Bobby Doyle, Central Falls, Rhode Island.

## Utopia Theater Musical

Friday and Saturday, February 12 and 13 Judy, Andy and Doc are making a return engagement to the Utopia Theater at 8:15 p.m. "We're Singing Your Songs" features a wide range of tunes—30's hits, show tunes of past and present, something for just about everyone. The musical show was a smashing success on November 20, 1981.

Alan Berger (Doc) organized the threesome which includes Judy Marshall and Andy Zatman. Alan has been studying voice for four years and has done numerous volunteer performances for charitable organizations. In addition to his musical talents, Alan is proprietor—pharmacist of Springhill Lake Pharmacy in Greenbelt. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. For information call 345-3516, 345-4487 or 474-7763 evenings.

## Police Officer Retires

Cpl. David N. Fulgham retired from the Greenbelt Police Department on January 30. Cpl. Fulgham has been a member of the department since November 1971. He has been a member of the Crime Prevention Team for five years and was at one time a juvenile officer. He was also officer in charge of the identification bureau.

Cpl. Fulgham was president of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 32 from 1974 to 1979 and is currently Vice-President of the State FOP Lodge. He has served in the past as the FOP representative to the Maryland State Training Commission.

The state Police Medical Board has determined that a foot and ankle injury sustained in the line of duty makes it impossible for Cpl. Fulgham to be assigned to full duty and has approved his retirement.

Having recently moved to a country home north of Baltimore, Fulgham is looking forward to enjoying country living. The city held a retirement ceremony for Cpl. Fulgham on Friday, January 29, at 3 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room.

## Cub Scout Pack 1253

Pack 1253 has a new Cubmaster, Ronald Buck. Congratulations to Rashawn Thompson who received a gold medal for first place in the Cub Scout Olympics. Den 2 was presented a ribbon for perfect attendance at the Pack Meeting and Den 3 was awarded a ribbon for collecting 62 bags for goodwill. Good job, boys!

Donnell Bowen, Billy Orndol and Billy Taylor received their Bobcat Badge and Allyn Lane his Bear Badge. Webelos Activity badges were presented to: Michael Abell—Aquanaut, Athlete, and Sportsman; John Adams—Athlete, Scholar, and Forester, Sportsman and Geologist; Ken Han—Citizen, Engineer, Naturalist and Geologist; Jimmy Barnacz—Geologist; Brian Kronimus—Athlete, Citizen, Traveler and Geologist; Liam Felsen—Citizen, Geologist; Eric Horstman—Geologist. Ian Reight recruiting Sean Abell into scouting.

Coming Events: January 23—Cubber Training, and January 28—Pack Meeting. For more information on Scouting, call John Holloman at 474-8996.

## CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

As required by paragraph 19 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of the State of Maryland (1957 Edition as amended), notice is hereby given of a PUBLIC HEARING to be held by the City Council of the City of Greenbelt, Prince George's County, Maryland, in the Council Room, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland, on

**MONDAY, MARCH 15, 1982 at 8:00 P.M.**

or as soon thereafter, as it may be heard, on a RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND, ENLARGING THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT BY ANNEXING CERTAIN LAND CONTIGUOUS AND ADJOINING THE EXISTING CORPORATE AREA, SUCH LANDS COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE MARYLAND TRADE CENTER PROPERTY (PARCEL B, GREENBELT EAST SUBDIVISION, 7.5000 ACRES), CAMERON BROWN INVESTMENT GROUP PROPERTY (33.7521 ACRES), CHARLES M. BAKER ET UX PROPERTY (11.1574 ACRES) ALL LOCATED TO THE SOUTH OF THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT IN THE VICINITY OF THE GREENWAY SHOPPING CENTER AND HANOVER PARKWAY, TOGETHER WITH ADJACENT PUBLIC ROADWAYS, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR THE SPECIAL TREATMENT OF THE UNDEVELOPED TAXABLE REAL PROPERTY IN THE AREA ANNEXED FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF ANNEXATION FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS, OR IF SOONER, UNTIL THE ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS.

A fair summary of said property being described as follows:

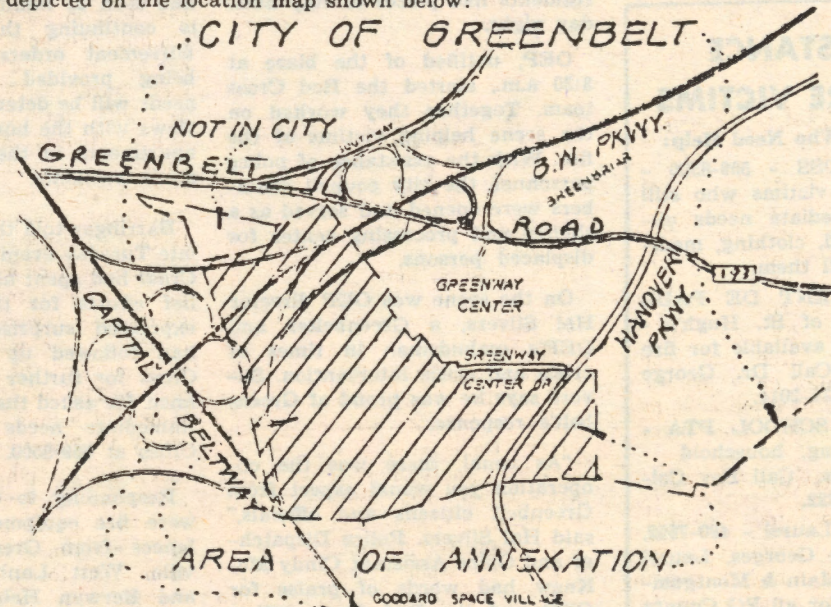
... being (1) all of Parcel "B", as shown on a plat of subdivision entitled "Plat of Correction, Parcels A, B, and C, Greenbelt East", recorded among the land records of Prince George's County, Maryland, in Plat Book NLP 105 at Plat No. 65, (2) the residue of the lands conveyed by Dennis H. Sullivan, substitute Trustee, to Cameron Brown Investment Group, by deed dated May 23, 1975, and recorded among the aforesaid land records in Liber 4492 at Folio 660, and (3) part of Hanover Parkway, as shown on a plat of subdivision entitled "Plat of Street Dedication, Hanover Parkway", recorded among the aforesaid land records in Plat Book WWW 80 at Plat No. 14, and containing 41.4479 acres of land; and

... being (1) part of the lands conveyed by John H. Walker and wife, Nettie F. Walker, to Charles M. Baker and wife, Mary Lee Baker, by deed dated November 25, 1942, recorded among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland, in Liber 687 at Folio 191, (2) all of the lands conveyed by Frankfort Drive Construction Company, Inc., to Charles M. Baker and Mary Lee Baker, his wife, by deed dated April 18, 1961, and recorded among the aforesaid land records in Liber 2654 at Folio 3; (3) part of the lands conveyed by John E. Willson, Trustee, and Central National Bank of Maryland, to Henry M. Witt, by deed dated November 29, 1968, and recorded among the aforesaid land records in Liber 3688 at Folio 99, (4) part of the lands conveyed by John H. Walker and Nettie F. Walker, his wife, to Henry M. Witt, by deed dated November 8, 1968, and recorded among the aforesaid Land Records in Liber 3658 at Folio 558, and (5) part of Hanover Parkway, as shown on a plat of subdivision entitled "Plat of Street Dedication, Hanover Parkway", recorded among the aforesaid land records in Plat Book WWW 80 at Plat No. 14, and containing 13.6993 acres of land; and

... being part of the land as shown on State Highway Administration Plats 20481 and 47914, 26704, 26705, 26706, 13581 and part of the land shown on National Park Service Plat #AOV-WBP-4 and lying south of Greenbelt Road, Md., Route 193, and contiguous with part of "Parcel B", as shown on a plat of Subdivision entitled "Plat of Correction, Parcels A, B, and C, Greenbelt East", recorded among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland in Plat Book NLP 105 at Plat No. 65 and containing 837,744.96 square feet or 19.2320 acres of land;

the total property being annexed being 74.3792 acres of land as shown on a Plat of Annexation titled "Parcel B-Greenbelt East and Part of Hanover Parkway and the lands of Cameron-Brown Investment Group; Charles M. Baker, et ux; Henry M. Witt; and part of the lands of National Park Service and the Maryland State Highway Administration" prepared by John D. Emler & Associates, P.A., dated January, 1982.

The area is depicted on the location map shown below:



The owners of the Maryland Trade Center Property and the Cameron Brown Investment Group Property have petitioned to be annexed to the City of Greenbelt, and said owners are the owners of more than twenty-five percentum (25%) of the assessed valuation of the real property located in the area to be annexed. No registered voters reside in the area to be annexed.

Said Resolution proposes to extend the boundaries of the City of Greenbelt to include the aforesaid area; and provides that all the laws of the State of Maryland applicable to the City of Greenbelt which are now in force or may hereafter be enacted, and all the existing charter provisions and ordinances of the City of Greenbelt shall be extended and made applicable to such portion of Prince George's County as is under the provisions of this Resolution annexed to and made a part of the City of Greenbelt; and said Resolution further provides that all the inhabitants of the territory annexed to the City of Greenbelt by this Resolution shall, in all respects and to all intents and purposes, be subject to the powers, jurisdictions and authority vested, or to be vested by law, in the Council of the City of Greenbelt or which may hereafter be enacted or ordained by it, and the territory so annexed shall, in all respects, be taken and considered as a part of the municipal corporation of the City of Greenbelt.

Said Resolution further provides for the special treatment of the undeveloped taxable real property in the area to be annexed from the effective date of annexation for a period of three years or, if sooner, until the issuance of building permits.

An Outline for the Extension of Public Services and Public Facilities has been prepared as required by Paragraph 19(o) of Article 23A, and copies of this outline, as well as copies of the Resolution, may be obtained from the City Clerk, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland, Telephone 474-3870 or 474-8000. Such copies will also be made available for public review and discussion at the public hearing herein before advertised.

Gudrun H. Mills, CMC City Clerk

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CHESTNUT HILL SHOPPING CENTER Sale thru  
10506 Baltimore Blvd./Rt. 1/Beltsville, Md. February 28, 1982



# Fire Destroys Plaza Apartment Building

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priority was to make certain that all residents had been evacuated from burning units in 11-B, C, and D.

"After assuring that everyone was safe, we went into sections B and C," said Greenbelt's assistant fire chief William Dunn, who was fire ground commander of the entire operation. Fire, he said, was burning through apartment ceilings and rolling down the common attic in both directions from where the fire originated. The flames spread quickly because there were no firewalls in the attic. (The present county code requiring firewalls does not apply to buildings constructed before the code went into effect. However, in restoring the building, the new code will apply.)

The blaze in 11-B was brought under control at 3:10 a.m. However, the fire in Section D had extended to the end wall of the building.

"When this occurred," said Dunn, "the fire had no place to go and traveled down. It was at this point that we feared for the safety of four firemen who were believed to be trapped."

At approximately 3:45 a.m. the fire in 11-D was brought under control. Mop-up operations began and were completed by about 9:30 a.m. However, at 11 a.m. a Greenbelt engine returned to the scene when there was a "rekindling." Dunn explained that this occurred because there had been no opportunity to "overhaul" (throw materials out of the burning building) in the area where a ceiling came down above 11-C.

At the same time firemen battle to extinguish a blaze they also use a technique described as "ventilation" — a process of cutting holes in ceilings and roofs and breaking windows to allow heat

and smoke to escape. While this process is underway salvage covers are brought in to protect furniture and personal belongings. Dunn said that in this fire at 11 Parkway the fire had already ventilated itself through the roof by the time the Greenbelt firemen reached the scene.

The county fire department estimated the damages totalled \$200,000 to the building and contents of the units. Apartments at 11-A had mostly water and smoke damage as did first floor apartments in B, C and D. Most of the units in the upper levels of B, C and D were seriously damaged.

## Assistance Offered

Eleven employees of the County's Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP) and eight members of the American Red Cross Disaster Action team spent up to ten hours assisting persons left

homeless. Team, headed by Greenbelter Dave Barringer, disbursed comfort kits (toiletries) to the fire victims, along with a booklet of information describing how to get smoke or mildew out of clothing, which foods are safe to eat and which should be discarded. The team is trained to go to a disaster scene, make a survey of what is damaged beyond repair in the apartment, evaluate the immediate needs of the affected people and assist in finding lodging, clothes, food and furniture for the homeless.

"All but one family had some place to go temporarily," said Barringer. "We were able to find someone from St. Hugh's parish to take them in."

Barringer also called for a supply truck and coffee was provided.



Red Cross sign, shown in photo above, directed fire victims to their relief center set up in the council chambers at the Municipal Building.

— photo by Don Livingston

homeless. They assured that all residents had places to stay Sunday night.

OEP, notified of the blaze at 3:30 a.m., alerted the Red Cross team. Together they worked on the scene helping victims of the fire. With the assistance of police personnel, the city council chambers were opened and served as a shelter and processing center for displaced persons.

On the scene was OEP director Hal Silvers, a Greenbelter and OEP's ombudsman in times of crisis and crisis intervention. Silvers says he was proud of Greenbelt's response.

"As usual, there was the co-operation you would expect from Greenbelt citizens and officials," said Hal Silvers. Police Dispatcher and Office Assistant Cindy McKnew had words of praise for OEP and the Red Cross. "They were wonderful. With a minimum of disturbance to the operation of the police department they performed their work."

Police were busy handling traffic. The entire length of Parkway was cordoned off.

A major function of OEP was to help people salvage what they could. "In the midst of getting belongings together," Silvers said, "there was a rekindling of the fire and we had to stop this activity until later." Silvers said there are 'too many fires in apartments that are considered old... 50% of the residents in the county live in multiple dwellings... We who have been out in the field seeing the miseries caused to humans by these fires want something done to ensure the safety and welfare of our residents.'

The Red Cross Disaster Action

By 2 p.m. Red Cross volunteers had seen 21 families. Their work is continuing this week. Disbursement orders for food are being provided and long-term needs will be determined in interviews with the homeless. A list of apartments in the area was also made available.

Barringer told the News Review late Tuesday evening that the Red Cross had spent about \$600 on relief efforts for the victims. He expressed surprise that so few had followed up with the Red Cross for further possible assistance. He asked that any who have immediate needs call the Red Cross at 559-8500.

Responding to the first alarm were fire equipment and ambulances from Greenbelt, Branchville, West Lanham, Beltsville, and Berwyn Heights. After the second alarm was dispatched by Greenbelt Deputy Chief Gene Davis, companies from Riverdale Heights, College Park, Riverdale, Cottage City and Landover Hills responded, along with additional equipment from Branchville and Beltsville. Second Alarm companies were staged at the armory and sent to the fire scene at 2:50 a.m. A portable water supply and cave-in unit with special equipment were also available.

A Berwyn ambulance took tenant Paul Melnicoff to Prince Georges Hospital, where he was treated for lacerations, contusions and smoke inhalation and released. He said his injuries were sustained when he ran back into the burning building to rescue a child. Even though he had a hunting lantern, it took some time before he found the child, who was under a stairwell.

## On the Scene Sunday Afternoon

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Building early Sunday afternoon, more exhausted Red Cross workers were tying up loose ends. The city had made the Council Chamber available during the night as a temporary shelter and as a control center for the disaster team. An unknown but large number of the victims did gather there until they were allowed back into their apartments to start recovering belongings. Many parents had first taken their children to spend the remainder of the night with friends or relatives, and then came back to the Council Chamber to wait.

The Red Cross team tried to make sure that everyone had a place to stay Sunday night. Victims were told to call the Red Cross Monday morning if they needed help in finding low-cost apartments, or in replacing clothing or furniture or other necessities. The team was already at work on Sunday to get emergency prescription refills and to replace lost eyeglasses. They had found diapers for several infants. They had provided cots and blankets to

families who were moving in with relatives or friends. (In one case, a Greenbelt resident volunteered through her church affiliation and took in a female victim and her son.)

There was one ironic difference after this fire in contrast with the one last October. Then, Robin Croteau, resident manager for the apartment complex, helped burned-out tenants find vacancies in other area apartment developments. But this past Sunday, Croteau's office in the basement of 11 Parkway was flooded during the firefighting effort. And Croteau, who occupied an apartment in the building, was one of the victims who had to move her water-soaked belongings.

By two o'clock Sunday afternoon, the Red Cross workers were packing up to leave. The Emergency Preparedness people followed a bit later. And by four o'clock almost all activity at the scene of the fire had ceased. Bright orange labels on each outer door of the ruined building declared that the county had found the structure unsafe to enter.

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# Tenants Tell Their Story

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furnaces: a hole in the gas lead-in pipe was "fixed with a piece of tape"; a replacement gas furnace was installed by an unlicensed person; the furnace safety switch did not work; gas leaked; thermostats had to be turned up high to get heat at all; wiring to the furnace was corroded; a clogged filter was unchanged for three years; an automatic shut-off control was not working and had to be turned off manually, circumventing the safety switch. A tenant reported he had been told recently of faulty furnaces in one of the other buildings in the complex. Many of their furnaces, they said, had been "pink tagged" by the gas utility when found to be faulty. Tenants said they did not believe that adequate repairs had been made prior to removal of the tags, that repairs had been made by an unlicensed person and that there was no inspection by a licensed person to see that the repairs were adequate.

Also mentioned were problems with old gas stoves, electrical circuits, upstairs plumbing leaking down onto electrical wiring in kitchens — all potential fire hazards.

A previous resident manager spoke, confirming what the others had said. "I had taken many complaints (for needed maintenance) from tenants," she said, but "nothing was done." Not only was there "neglect," she continued, "but also intimidations and retaliatory evictions." She told of relating to the owner her husband's concerns about faulty furnaces. The owner's response, she said, was "I have insurance."

## Retaliation

Each tenant, in turn, spoke of being distressed at first by the lack of response to their complaints, then frustrated, but in the end they apparently became more fearful of retaliation than of unsafe conditions. "If you don't like it here, why don't you move," one was told.

Another was told over the telephone, "We don't like you in our housing. You're a trouble-maker." He told council, "I needed to stay, so I shut up." Two spoke of moving out because of the indifference to maintenance problems, one fearful of harassment if she stayed. Another individual did his own maintenance in order to avoid the problems he saw his neighbors having.

When Mayor Richard Castaldi asked how many in the room had gone over management's head to a county agency for help, eight hands went up. "I might expect two or three in a large housing complex," Castaldi commented, "but not a preponderance in a small complex."

A couple who had been burned out in the October fire charged they were not allowed to come back after their apartment was refurbished because they had talked openly to a reporter. The leader of the tenants' association then told council he had received an anonymous threatening telephone call earlier that day warning him not to attend the city council meeting.

Why do the tenants stay? It takes money to move out, at least \$500 to \$600, said the couple who were burned out in October. Their move had cost them \$900. For the most part, money is what these people don't have. "All of us are living (here) because it's the only thing we could afford." She fears she won't be able to "qualify" for other housing; that is, pass a credit check. There are no credit checks for occupancy of these apartments, several tenants stated. In trade, many tenants lacked the protection of having a lease.

But tenants who are now the victims of a fire will have to move. The building has been condemned. Many of these victims are at a loss to know where to begin. That is the role of the relief agencies — the Red Cross and the county's Office of Emergency Preparedness (see box page 5). These agencies provide information — where to find housing or financial assistance, for example. The Red Cross also helps meet some of the most urgent immediate needs such as emergency shelter, food, clothing, medications, cots and blankets, and a few cash grants. Some victims had expected more and had been disappointed. Many of the victims expressed concern that they are imposing on the friends and relatives with whom they are staying.

In a final plea, the group told their city council they wanted to return to Greenbelt when their apartments are fixed, but they are afraid they won't be welcome. "We love Greenbelt a lot," said one, and others echoed the same feeling.

"It seems that if your income is low, you're afraid to complain, afraid of eviction," said one tenant who had not spoken earlier in the evening. "The reason these people are here is (the situation) is threatening their lives, but they have no muscle." She asked the City of Greenbelt to provide that muscle.

## Council Responds

Council then directed the city staff to set up a coordinating center between the city, its residents and the county. The city has no authority itself to deal with the tenants' problems.

"See that people get to the right agency for the help they need," said Richard Pilski. Staff was also directed to call county departments to see that proper safety inspections should be made.

A Greenbelt member of the volunteer Red Cross Disaster Action Team, Dave Barringer, appeared at the end of the meeting. In responding to some of the earlier questions, he emphasized the "immediate need" nature of his agency's relief work. There is some grant money available for food or housing, he said, but it is limited. He recommended that tenants contact Red Cross case workers in the Hyattsville office. From there tenants could be referred to the county's Department of Social Services or other non-profit or government agencies.

"We're more a short-term relief agency," said Barringer. He did encourage the public to donate money to the Red Cross marked for the Greenbelt Fire Victims. Many food items, he said, can be purchased very inexpensively by the Red Cross.

County Council member Roy Dabney (Bowie) was present to hear the tenants' complaints. At the end of the meeting he promised, "I'll be on the phone tomorrow to the Human Resources Commission, the OEP, Washington Gas Light, and the Department of Licenses and Permits. He would try to help find food, clothing, money, if possible.

## Give A Helping Hand



The GHI Member and Community Relations Committee is seeking volunteers to help seniors and handicapped individuals move their belongings in preparation for Phase II electric heat conversion. Call 474-6644.

## DABNEY HOLDS

### MEETING

Prince George's County Councilman Roy Dabney attended Monday night's City Council meeting, and interested himself in the distress of the fire victims. He then met on Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Upper Marlboro with representatives of the Office of Emergency Preparedness, the Landlord Tenant Commission, the Human Relations Commission, the Department of Social Services and the Fire Marshall. City Manager James K. Giese was also present.

Dabney repeated the concerns he had heard in Greenbelt on Monday night. All agreed to participate in a public forum next Monday night at 7:30 p.m. in Greenbelt's Municipal Building. Washington Gas Light safety officers will also be present.

Dabney said he learned that the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has a program in which they send inspectors to inspect furnaces. "I will ask them formally to do that and to attend the meeting next week."

Dabney said: "I listened with astonishment on Monday night... Someone ought to be there and listen to those people. If their concerns are true, we ought to decide what can be done to stop it."

In the meantime inspectors from the Property Standards Division (PSD) of the Department of Licenses and Permits are sifting through the burned out building to get a better picture of the condition of the wiring, in particular, that which is in the airconditioners. A spot check after the fire revealed that two out of three wires in some units had deteriorated. Notifications of code violations will be mailed out in the near future.

Joseph T. Healy, chief of PSD said that inspectors will also be sampling wiring in other apartment units.

## Landlord's Reaction

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ager for the complex, also talked to the News Review on Tuesday, in the vacant apartment at 9 Parkway into which the owners had moved her after the fire so that she could continue her duties. Both her apartment and her office at 11 Parkway suffered water damage during the fire and had to be evacuated. During the interview, her file cabinets of tenant records were moved from her former office into her new location.

Croteau said that despite the water, her office records were in fairly good shape. She also explained that the owners have duplicates of the records. Croteau affirmed that security and key deposits will be refunded. She also said that any February rent payments made by tenants will be returned in full, if possible by this coming Monday. According to Croteau, tenants displaced by the fire will have first priority to move back into renovated apartments.

Asked about tenant complaints of inadequate maintenance response to faulty gas furnaces or electrical problems, Croteau pointed out that she had been resident manager only since the beginning of September 1981. She said no tenants have ever brought gas-related problems to her attention. She is supposed to receive a copy of any "pink tags" put on equipment by the gas utility, and has had only one such tag, for a vacant unit, where repairs were made immediately.

Croteau was also asked for her reaction to a tenant allegation about two gas furnaces now defective in the 9 Parkway building. She responded that it is not enough for tenants to stop the maintenance man in the parking lot. She must be made aware directly of the problem by the tenants. Croteau emphasized that the owners want the tenants' safety to be first. She also said she cannot knock door-to-door looking for problems.

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# GHI Board Discusses Larger Homes Equity, Parking Problems, Porch Roofs

by Barbara Likowski

The new townhouse equity issue, parking problems and porch roofs were the chief topics discussed by the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) board of directors at their January 28 meeting. Chaired by president Jim Smith the meeting moved along with ample time for discussion yet most agenda items were covered by 10 p.m. when the corporation's attorney arrived and the meeting was adjourned for an executive session.

At the December 3 meeting the board had discussed the Finance Committee's recommendation that the mutual ownership contracts of the larger homes be adjusted to the same status as all other units of GHI. Members in those units will be given the option of purchasing GHI's share of equity. Management had been asked to prepare an outline of three possible options.

Management reported that major economic changes and the resulting high interest rates have made it difficult to find financing for these homes now. Resale of the larger homes is based on a complicated membership-approved resale formula which was designed to provide housing for larger families at below market rates without cost to GHI (by saving commission, limiting resales and GHI obtaining the mortgage.) This policy was approved in June, 1967 with a minor amendment May 20, 1970.

## Options Available

The options now open to GHI are (1) continue the present formula; (2) adjust the formula to freeze equity growth upon resale, and (3) put the larger homes on the same contract basis as other GHI homes.

Two problems with option one are GHI's equity has risen to 15% in several homes and will continue to rise with each resale. Also because of the tight money market, persons who would be willing to purchase under terms of the formula often cannot obtain a loan. If GHI purchases the unit from a member it may be vacant for several months before resale. GHI then loses monthly charges and incurs mortgage costs on the unit.

The second option would be to adjust the formula to freeze the equity growth upon resale (at about 15%). However GHI would still have the vacancy problem.

Option three would put the larger homes on the same contract basis as other GHI homes. Most board members preferred the third option. While Director Don Volk also preferred three, he said he would have to oppose it in a vote. He felt the original policy of keeping the selling price as low as possible should be maintained. Director Wayne Williams liked

three also but thought the members should have the right to consider the other options. Directors Margaret Hogensen and Steve Curtis disagreed and thought only three should be considered. Curtis said that one was an anachronism now that the birth rate was falling and families were smaller. Member Eunice Coxon said the corporation needed "financial writers" to put the options in "simple English." "Sometimes it's worth it," she said.

Smith thought the options should be gotten out to the members as soon as possible for their consideration. He emphasized the need to talk in terms of policy and develop that first. Issues should be discussed and then it should be put to membership vote.

## Parking Problems

A report from the parking committee concerned parking problems in 19 and 21 courts of Ridge Rd. and the overflow from 20 court and a proposal to expand the 24 court of Ridge parking lot by 14 spaces, giving each member of the court two assigned spaces.

The parking committee recommended that a new parking area be built in the 19-20 court Ridge on common ground adjacent to the Green Ridge House parking area and the upper end of 20 court. The committee asked management to conduct a garage inspection in 17 court Ridge as was done in 21 court. Because of the parking problems, committee members felt no garages should be used for storage.

Volk did not think the inspection of 17 court garages would be helpful. He said parking was already available in that area but people did not seem to want to walk that far (from 19 and 20). Curtis thought the policy against storing in garages should be enforced or else the policy should be changed.

Curtis pointed out that the parking problem in that area had gotten worse after Green Ridge House had opened and a roadside formerly used for parking had become a fire lane. He suggested talking to the city about the fire lane and also about the feasibility of parking on both sides of Ridge Rd.

George Randall, 24 E Ridge, had proposed (with the support of 15 of the 16 members of his court) that the 24 court Ridge parking lot be increased by 14 spaces and each member of the court be assigned two spaces. The parking committee recommended against building a parking lot in 24 court. However, Randall said that he would return with a petition from members in 23, 24, 25 and 26

courts requesting ten new parking spaces for 44 units. (The plan for 19, 20 and 21 would give 12 spaces to 50 units.) Members Joseph and Rose Remenick wanted to now whether GHI would bear the cost and were told it would. Director Joe Jenkins wanted to see priorities established so that GHI money could be used for the most people.

The board approved the motion by Director Frank Gervasi to accept the parking committee's report and refer it to the Aesthetics and Environment, Finance, and Parking Committees for further recommendations. Smith asked Randall to write up his petition so it can be considered along with the other matters.

## Porch Roofs

At the January 21 meeting Gervasi had recommended that management replace flat top frame home porch roofs with a shed type roof designed so it doesn't need any post or external support. Designed by Gervasi, this pitched roof is similar in slope to the main house roof. It was approved by the Aesthetics and Environment Committee. The consensus of the board was that the roof should be used. Although management felt it would be more expensive than the present porch roof, Gervasi thought it would last longer. There is nothing in the budget for roofs and it would be too expensive to go back and replace all roofs, but the new-type roofs could be done when replacements are needed. Management and Gervasi are to work out the final plans.

## Union Matter

General manager Tim Mitter reported that the teamsters union had again asked for an election by maintenance workers. Mitter met with the men and told them he didn't think the election was a good idea. The men decided it was not a good idea and withdrew the petition. Mitter stated that he felt the good will management had with the men had come into play. The letter was withdrawn with prejudice—meaning it can't come back for six months. Smith hoped that GHI can continue to treat its personnel fairly and that they in turn treat GHI fairly.

The placement of thermostats in the electric baseboard heating units was protested by Coxon. She had reluctantly voted for electric heat expecting to be able to adjust it by using a wall thermostat. Coxon said a thermostat six inches

off the floor would be physically impossible for some people to use, and said she didn't want to have to use a telescope. Smith said that when the specs were drawn up the controls were on the unit but he was not sure whether the board had taken any action on that. Gary Morningstar told the board that staff had checked past minutes and found that baseboard controls had been considered four years ago. Heat would be more accurately controlled with a baseboard thermostat.

Smith informed members that although there was an option to use wall thermostats, it would cost the corporation hundreds of dollars per unit and it might be more money than the corporation could borrow. Because the board wanted members to know of the option, information had been gotten out to them even before the price was known. Curtis thought wall thermostats might be had for \$100 to \$150 per unit. Betty Deitch thought this would only be one thermostat per unit and even that would mean something like \$200,000 for all of GHI.

George Randall asked if the frame windows were completed. He reported that two of his were falling apart—also they are cold to touch. Hogensen thought members should be notified when the warranties are up so that complaints can be taken care of ahead of time. Randall mentioned that there is no insulation in the frame home garbage closets and Bettie Denson mentioned the possibility that pipes might burst under the frame homes if insulation is not installed. The board also approved renewal of a contract with Village Disposal to take away rehab trash, amended the 1982 energy rebate schedule to include compensation for members with additions.

## GHI Tidbits

(Following is a portion of the January 31 Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Board meeting article omitted from last week's issue for lack of space.)

Three of the free-standing homes on Woodland Way have requested to remain on oil heat. Director Steve Curtis questioned the board's power to grant an exception to the membership vote approving conversion from oil to electric heat. Director Joe Jenkins was concerned with setting the precedent for exceptions. Director Frank Gervasi said that "there is nothing magic about electric heat" and that if oil heat is better for these homes the board should approve. Smith ruled that the board could approve exceptions to the electric heat but that it needed more information to make a decision. Management was directed to provide cost and background data.

The Member and Community Relations Committee submitted its report calling for pre- and post-conversion information meetings for members, guidelines for home improvements, recreational use of boiler rooms when they are no longer used for heating. The report also requested that management look into discount rates from Pepco. Director Don Volk said that there are discount rates for all electric homes. The discount is not automatic but must be applied for. The board approved the committee report and then adjourned to executive session.

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**Our Neighbors**

Our heartiest congratulations to Margarette Harrington of the Greenbelt Convalescent Center who turned 103 on Sunday, January 31.

Airman Ronald E. Borum, son of Terri L. Troutman of Breeze-wood Terrace, has been assigned to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, after completing Air Force basic training. He is a 1981 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Several Greenbelters have turned up in the media recently. Both Betty Moore, Lakeview Circle, and Delores Downs, 4 Court of Ridge Road and Mary Helen Spear of 1 court Ridge appeared in a television documentary on Channel 26 concerning TV courses which give college credits. Betty teaches such a course at the Prince Georges Community College, as does Mary Helen and Dee has taken courses by this method. They discussed their experiences.

On Saturday, January 16, Virginia Beauchamp, Maplewood Ct., appeared on a radio talk show on radio station WIYY in Baltimore with show host Bob Lopez. She discussed developments in Women's Studies and findings from her research on women in Maryland history.

Deborah J. Widenmyer, of 6152 Springhill Terrace, achieved academic honors during the 1981 Fall Semester at California State Col-

lege, California, Pennsylvania. Miss Widenmyer is majoring in Special Education (Comprehensive).

Our condolences to Mae Gingell and Karen, Ronald and Stephen on the loss of her daughter and their sister, Penny.

Paul Daniel Felsher has been named to the fall semester Dean's List at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. He is the son of Al and Rosemary Felsher, 44 Ridge.

Happy birthday to Shannon Morman who celebrates her sixth birthday on Feb. 6. Shannon is residing with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Silvers of Pinecrest while her parents Helen and Ralph Morman are on tour. Ralph is the lead vocalist for Savoy Brown. Helen is a movie actress on contract with Universal Studios.

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**Child Care Programs**

Early Learning Center/Springhill Lake invites parents with children ages 2-5 to come to Story Hour on Tuesday, February 9 and 23 at 10 a.m., at the Springhill Lake Community House across from 6237 Springhill Drive.

The Springhill Lake Center, a non-profit organization, has full day and half-day educational programs for children ages 2-5 and a before and after school care program for children attending the local elementary school. The Center's hours are from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Teachers at the Center have degrees in early childhood education and are thus able to provide innovative educational programs for the children in their classes.

Interested persons are invited to stop by the Center. For information call 474-5252.

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In early February, GHIDC inspectors will enter the first three test buildings to conduct a Rehabilitation Phase II pre-inspection. Inspectors will examine units to determine the most feasible locations for hot water heaters and electric baseboard units. Homeowners will be notified one to two weeks before the pre-inspection. Also, door hangers will be put out the day before the inspection is to take place.

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## Police Blotter

Compiled by Mavis Fletcher

Holy Cross Lutheran Church was broken into in the early hours of January 25. As well as theft, extensive property damage was perpetrated.

A female juvenile was the victim of an indecent exposure incident which occurred near the north end of Braden Field at 2:14 p.m. on January 22. The suspect is a white male adult, 40-45 years old, 5'6", stout build, with brown hair. He was wearing a blue coat with a fur-lined hood, faded jeans and dark boots.

The Springhill Lake community house was broken into early on January 22. Entry was gained through fiberglass panels on the roof. A typewriter and other items were stolen.

A Volkswagen, Md. registration CJG 738, was stolen from the 8000 block of Mandan Road in Greenbriar.

Cpl. Thomas W. Miskell recovered a 1980 Pontiac Grand Prix which had been stolen from Takoma Park.

The Glen Oaks maintenance building was broken into on January 19 and a red Sears snowblower was stolen.

Officer Ralph J. Cancelose charged a non-resident juvenile with a theft which occurred in the 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane.

On January 22 there was a breaking and entering in the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway. Entry was made by breaking out a window. Jewelry and other property was stolen.

Pfc. Fred E. Murray recovered a 1979 Dodge van stolen from New Jersey and apprehended the two juveniles involved.

Sgt. Phillip L. Coombes is currently attending a session of the Southern Police Institute at the University of Louisville, Kentucky. He is studying current police problems and police administration.

Greenbelt Police Chief William T. Lane has commended Sgt. Phillip L. Coombes, Cpl. Michael D. Craddock and Pfc. Thomas R. Justin for their teamwork in mak-

ing the arrest of four male adults who had stolen property from a parked truck at Lakeside North. These arrests, reported recently in the News Review, were facilitated by the report of an alert citizen who has also been commended by Chief Lane.

Pfc. Thomas R. Justin charged a non-resident adult with possession of a controlled dangerous substance.

Officer Ralph J. Cancelose charged two adult non-residents with tampering with a motor vehicle in Beltway Plaza on January 8 after Pfc. Thomas R. Justin had stopped the two and charged them with operating a stolen vehicle.

The Exxon station in the 5900 block of Greenbelt Road was broken into on January 10. Entry was made by knocking a hole in the back wall. Loss is undetermined at this time.

On January 6 Cpl. John A. Lann arrested a non-resident for theft at the Drug Fair in Beltway Plaza.

In an apparent case of vandalism, the glass in a door at High's dairy store was broken on January 12 between 1:50 and 3:58 a.m.

A burglary occurred in Boxwood on January 5 between 6:30 and 10:45 p.m. Entry was made by kicking in a patio door. Items of value were placed near an exit but apparently the suspect was scared off by the return of the residents.

## Tax Relief for Renters

Del. Gerard F. Devlin (D-24th) Vice Chairman of the Maryland House Ways and Means Committee this week urged Greenbelt renters who are 60 years of age or are totally disabled to apply for tax relief under the Renters Tax Credit Plan.

Devlin pointed out that many elderly and disabled renters are unaware of the program and thus are not getting tax relief they might otherwise be entitled to receive. If the portion of rent attributable to property taxes exceeds a fixed amount in relation to income, then renters can, under specified conditions receive a credit of as much as \$450.00 per year.

"The theory of my bill is that renters pay property taxes as part of their rent—just as homeowners do—and thus should get the same credit," Devlin said.

Applications can be obtained by writing to: Del. Gerard F. Devlin, 14753 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland, 20772, or by calling 952-4904.

## Investigation Continues

On August 14, 1981, pursuit and arrest of a motorcyclist by a Greenbelt police officer resulted in eyewitness allegations that the officer had used unnecessary force in making the arrest. Last week City Manager James K. Giese issued the following news release regarding the matter:

"Allegations against police officers resulting from the arrest of a motorcyclist after a police pursuit chase are still being investigated. While police investigators have obtained statements from witnesses to the incident, the investigators have not been able to obtain any statement from the motorcyclist. The charges placed against the motorcyclist have not been heard in court. A trial date is presently scheduled during the month of April. An attorney representing the motorcyclist has been in contact with the City relative to the matter.

"In addition to the police investigation, separate investigations are being conducted by the City's liability insurance carriers.

"The matter will be concluded with appropriate action when all information relevant to the incident which is obtainable has been obtained and analyzed."

## CITY NOTES

Winter weather continues to plague Greenbelt, and especially the Public Works Department.

Recently the Department repaired the fuel oil boiler at the Youth Center, which had stopped working. They set up kerosene heaters to prevent the boiler from freezing while work was progressing. However, some pipes burst anyway.

The crews plowed and salted city streets and parking lots, and shoveled and salted city sidewalks following the snow and ice storms of the past two weeks.

Due to the weather, there was no special trash collection two days during the week. Two members of the parks crew assisted with regular trash collection.

One hundred sixty traffic control signs and posts were provided to the city under the Federal Highway Safety Act of 1973. The general crew picked up the signs at the State Highway Administration this week. The new warning signs, made of high intensity reflective sheeting, are considered safer than the older signs. Members of the general crew drilled holes in the new signs for nuts and bolts.

## GHI NOTES

Two meetings are scheduled for next week—a Personnel Committee meeting on February 8 and a GHI Board meeting on February 11. Meetings will begin at 8 p.m. in the GHI Board Room.

It is good safety practice to have a working smoke detector in a unit. Members are asked to check that their smoke detectors are operating properly. People who do not have one or have one that is not operating properly, should contact the Purchasing Department batteries to purchase a new one.

Management requests that members not leave bottles at GHI offices. GHI does not collect bottles for recycling. However, members can take bottles to the bins located in the yard of the city Public Works Department.

In the last week, GHI has mailed out information about 1981 taxes and energy credits, rehab heat conversion and thermostat locations. Anyone with questions about their 1981 tax statement should call the Fiscal Department (474-6601). For information about rehab and thermostat locations, call Dennis Lewis (474-6644).

Weather permitting, rehab siding work is being done at 12, 14 and 16 courts Ridge. Telephone work and plumbing work has been completed. Frame home owners whose walls are still unfinished after plumbing work should call the Rehab Office (474-2300) immediately.

Linda Simpson has joined GHIDC as Assistant Project Coordinator. She will handle security and keys as well as member notification of rehab work. Previously, she worked in Anne Arundel County as a mobile home inspector.

Management has produced a

## Nursing Home To Raise Funds For Heart Ass'n

On Saturday, February 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the American Medical Nursing Center in Greenbelt will be holding its Rock 'n' Roll Jamboree. The residents will be raising money for the American Heart Association, by rolling in wheelchairs and rocking in rocking chairs for 6 hours. In addition, there will be a bake sale, clowns, games, music (rock and roll band) and more.

Residents are asked to phone in contributions to Cindy Farley 345-9595. Checks should be made payable to the American Heart Association, and sent to AMNC—Greenbelt, 7010 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, Md. 20770.

## FLEA MARKET BENEFIT

The Eleanor Roosevelt Orchestra is sponsoring a Flea Market to raise money for their Vienna, Austria trip in July. The Flea Market will be held in the Roosevelt High School cafeteria Saturday, Feb. 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. To reserve tables call daytime 390-6392, night 262-2917.

brochure about GHI which will be used to provide basic information for anyone interested in the cooperative. Members who would like a copy may get one from the GHI Receptionist.

In handling snow removal, the Maintenance Department has been helping members by plowing court parking areas when possible. Members are reminded that they are responsible for clearing snow from all walkways adjacent to their homes.

## Recreation Review

### CPR Classes

The winter class schedule is 7 to 10:30 p.m. on February 9 and 10 at Center School and February 17 and 18 at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

### Roller Skating

The Recreation Department's roller skating program is held at Center School on Wednesdays, 4 to 6 p.m. (1st-3rd grades), Fridays, 4 to 6 p.m. (4th-6th grades) and Sundays, 1-3 p.m. (family skating—all ages). A nominal fee is charged at the door. Skates can be rented or skaters may bring their own rink skates. For further information call the Recreation Department at 474-6878.



### OPEN MEETING FEBRUARY 10

7:30 p.m.

### Greenbelt Library

All interested individuals are invited to meet with the Labor Day Festival Committee. This is the time to express your concerns and make suggestions about the Festival.



Department of Recreation  
City of Greenbelt, Maryland  
474-6878

### KAVA TEEN CLUB SKI TRIP

WHERE: Ski Liberty, Fairfield, PA (717) 642-8282

WHEN: Monday, February 15, 1982

TIME: Day Skiing - 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

COST: \$30.00/person - Includes Lifts, Transportation and Rentals  
\$19.00/person - Own Equipment  
\$ 6.50/person - Lessons - Suggested for ALL first time skiers

SIGN-UP: ONLY thirty-five (35) persons will be taken on a first come, first serve basis.

AGE: ALL participants must be 13 years of age or older. All those UNDER 18 years of age must return form with parental signature.

VIA: A bus will leave the Youth Center Parking Lot PROMPTLY at 6:00 am and return approximately 7:30 pm.

PAYMENT: FULL payment is due, in cash or check — make payable to GREENBELT KAVA (NOT Youth Center or City of Greenbelt).

DEADLINE: Wednesday, February 10, 1982

For further details and information see Anne Moltz at the Youth Center or call 474-6878, 1:00 pm - 10:00 pm.

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